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REPORT

No. S. B. D. 279
Date March 30, 1939

Subject Enquiries regarding Mrs. L. Bennett.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev.

Forwarded by C. Glazov

SECRET

Discreet enquiries show that no person named Mrs. L. BENNETT resides at House 15, Passage 129 Avenue Haig. Room No. 2 in this house is occupied by Mrs. L.F. BOGOMOLOFF, 56, Russian, and her daughter, Miss Ekaterina Pavlovna BOGOMOLOFF, 24, a ballet dancer by occupation known under the stage name MELTSEY who, it is reported, is engaged to be married to a certain Russian.

In December, 1937 when registering with the Russian Emigrants' Committee, Loulmein Road, Miss BOGOMOLOFF-MELTSEY, who at that time resided at 132 Route Vallon, mentioned inter alia that her mother, Mrs. L.F. BOGOMOLOFF, and her sister, Miss Irina Pavlovna BOGOMOLOFF, resided at Hankow at that time. When renewing her registration with the Committee on 22-2-39 she gave her own and her mother's address as Room 2, House 15, Passage 129 Avenue Haig and stated that her sister, Irina Pavlovna KOSHKIN, resided in Harpoon Road. From subsequent enquiries it was ascertained that Irina Pavlovna BOGOMOLOFF alias KOSHKIN, who at present resides at 237 Manyang Road, Flat 2, is Mrs. L. BENNETT (vide attached photograph).

Miss Irina Pavlovna BOGOMOLOFF and her mother are reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Hankow on 24-1-38 in the s.s. "Felix Roussel" travelling third class. On 10-2-38 they applied to the French Police for registration. On this occasion Miss I.F. BOGOMOLOFF stated that she was born on 29-4-1907 at Harbin and that she was a dressmaker by occupation. She also mentioned that she had one daughter named Tamara, 13 years of age. The

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girl who, it would appear, was born out of wedlock is reported to have been attending the Russian Orthodox Confraternity's School, Pass., 737 Avenue Petain, for about two years and was among the boarders of the school in question until the beginning of 1939, after which she has been residing with her mother.

From the date of her arrival in Shanghai until July, 1938 Miss BOGOMOLOFF, her mother and sister, resided at House 2, Passage 106 Route Vallon. It is reported that during this period she worked as a dressmaker at her home and was frequently visited by a British sailor who, apparently, supported her. Some time in May, 1938 they were married and soon afterwards the sailor left for England.

At present Mrs BENNETT occupies a two roomed flat at 237 Nanyang Road. According to information very reluctantly furnished by the owner of the premises (a British subject), her name does not appear in the list of flat tenants. From another source it was learned that the S.P. Company's bills in respect of the flat in question have since February, 1939 been paid by a certain Mr. John A. BECK. This, coupled with the facts that Mrs BENNETT gives her address as 129/15 Avenue Haig and that in the recent registration form of her sister she was referred to by the latter as I.P. KOSHKIN (maiden name of Mrs. L.F. BOGOMOLOFF), would seem to indicate that there must be some reasons why Mrs BENNETT prefers not to be known under her proper name.

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tivity of Mr. John A. BRUCK. Discreet observation in the vicinity of the premises was kept at various dates and times, but no foreign male was noticed⁵ enter or leave House No 237.

Miss I.P. Bogomoloff is not registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee or with the Council of United Russian Organization in Shanghai (SORO).

Enquiries have failed to elicit any information detrimental to her character and there is nothing in the Municipal Police records concerning this person.

A. Pro Kopiev

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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.) D. C. (Special Branch).
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(Irina Pavlovna Bogomoloff)

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No information is so far available as to the identity of Mr. John A. BECK. Discreet observation in the vicinity of the premises was kept at various dates and times, but no foreign male was noticed to enter or leave House No. 237.

Miss I.P. BOGOMOLOFF is not registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee or with the Council of United Russian Organization in Shanghai (SORO).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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No. S. B. D. <u>9071</u>
Date <u>April 1, 1939</u>

Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
April 1, 1939.

SUBJECT

Inquiries regarding Mrs. L. Bennett
(Very confidential and not to be used as Police information)

The Commissioner presents his compliments to Rev. F.W. Weaver
Port Chaplain
Mission to Seamen
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

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P.A. to D.O. (Sp. Br.)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 90717
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March 9, 1939.

D.C. (Divisions).

Sir,

The Rev. F.W. Weaver, Port Chaplain, Mission to Seamen, 17 Canton Road, requests that discreet enquiries regarding a Mrs. L. Bennett, residing at No. 129 Avenue Haig, House 15, Room No. 2.

The lady in question is of Russian origin and formerly resided in Hankow, where she met her husband Able Seaman Bennett, who married her at the British Consulate and brought her to Shanghai.

Bennett has now been returned to England and apparently tried to abandon his wife, but was forced to allow her maintenance.

The Naval Authorities will send her to England if she desires to go, but Bennett has written stating that he has proof that she is leading an immoral life. The Port Chaplain has been unable to substantiate this and requests the assistance of the Police on behalf of the R.N.O.

W. H. Dawson
P.A. to D.C. (Divisions).

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